

Dear Nurses,

Greetings from the Trained Nurses' Association of India Headquarters !

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With Regards

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To,

Dr. Harsh Vardhan Ji
Hon'ble Union Health Minister

Hon'ble Sir,

Namaste,

I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly congratulate and thank the Government of India and the Union Health Ministry for the initiative in tabling the long sought after National Nursing and Midwifery Commission (NNMC) Bill. It is really a great gesture and most of the provisions and constitution of the NNMC are helpful in strengthening nursing service & education and are whole heartedly applauded.

At the same time, I hold and strongly believe that the apex nursing body, the NNMC can be more representative with the inclusion of an official representative from Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI), the only Government of India (1950) recognised service organisation of nurses in this country.

The long, 112-year-old rich history of this professional organization of nurses (Estd: 1908), with the enviable 5 lakh plus members including nurses from both central and state government institutions, autonomous bodies, private and voluntary institutions and also Military Nursing, Railways, ESI Hospitals, Missionaries, Charities and all other sectors is intricately woven with development of nursing services and education in this country.

It is of special significance to note that TNAI covers all levels of nurses including clinical nurses, educators, researchers, administrators and it is the only association with pan-India presence having branches in every state and union territory. With this direct touch to the field situation and grass root contacts it has earned the tagline- '*Voice of Indian Nurses*'. TNAI is the only professional association with a strong student's wing (Student Nurses association) and affiliate associations for ANM and LHV. With inclusion of TNAI, representation of all sectors in nursing is ensured. It may be noted that though there are numerous trade unions and speciality nursing organisations they are all limited or focussed to working in a particular type of institution or speciality whereas TNAI is an all-inclusive organisation which represents all types and categories of nurses.

Moreover TNAI was instrumental in establishing Indian Nursing Council and various state nursing councils and TNAI National president is a member in INC since its inception and state TNAI representative is there in all state councils. Also TNAI has a track record of working in support of all the national health programmes of the Government of India and has collaborated with the government in numerous continuing education programmes. For more than a century TNAI has worked tirelessly for development of nursing service and education in both government and private sectors. For example, TNAI's effective lobbying with the Government of India paved the way for establishment of the first BSc Nursing programme in the country (1949).

With the strong conviction that representation of TNAI at NNMC shall infuse valuable inputs to the Commission's working as TNAI is a true representative of all categories of nurses at all levels including students, I appeal to you to kindly ensure that TNAI has an assured representative in NNMC.

Hence I strongly recommend National President TNAI to be a member of NNMC and similar status to State Branch President/Secretary to be a member at State Commission

Yours sincerely,

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